

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; JANUARY 16, 2007; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Shellie Murdaugh, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Byrd, County Chaplain, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gray.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Chairman Gray recognized Ms. Melissa Patterson, Community Development Manager, South Carolina Department of Commerce.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 16, 2007 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray called for the adoption of the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Addition of Item #13.1.3, County Chaplain's Request to Attend a Community Chaplaincy Training and (2) Addition of Item #13.1.4, Approval of Purchase of Sheriff's Vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF STATE F.A.C.E. WINNERS:

Ms. Karissa Ulmer, 4-H Agent, Clemson Extension, along with Mr. Jay Kantrell, Web Wildlife, came before council and stated that the young men present had presented in the Food and Cover Establishment (F.A.C.E) statewide competition and placed. Chairman Gray along with Mr. Kantrell recognized the following:

- Miles Nix – Judge's Award of Merit
- Jacob Barnes & Nathan Nix – 3rd Place (There was a tie for 3rd Place)
- Joshua Mason – 2nd Place

Council thanked the young men and encouraged them to do well in life.

MR. MIKE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR, PRESENTATION OF "WHITE PAPER" PROJECT ON ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY IN HAMPTON COUNTY:

Mr. Meyer made the presentation and cited several facts regarding economic sustainability in Hampton County. (For presentation, see Attachment #1).

MS. LORI SALLEY, MCGREGOR, AUDITORS, REGARDING THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT:

Ms. Salley came before council and presented the annual audit to council. She stated that it was an unqualified audit. Council thanked Mrs. Salley for the report. (See Attachment #2, Management Letter).

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

Chairman Gray read the following appointments to committees and asked council if they agreed. Council agreed by acclamation to the appointments as stated that Chairman Gray. (See attachment #3).

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ORDINANCES

There were no ordinance(s).

BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNCIL MEMBER PARKER REGARDING THE LITTER DILEMA IN HAMPTON COUNTY:

Council Member Parker stated that she was concerned with the litter dilemma in the county. She stated that she planned to have a presentation with pictures, etc., but the picture processor at CVS was down, so she asked to be added back to the agenda, so she can do her presentation on the litter dilemma in Hampton County.

RESCHEDULING FEBRUARY 20th and MARCH 5th COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

By acclamation, council agreed to reschedule the February 20th meeting to February 26th and cancel the March 5th meeting due to council trainings and conferences conflicting with the February 20th and March 5th meeting dates.

SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC FORUM TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE:

Council decided to have the public forum on January 25, 2007 at 5:00 p. m.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Relocation of County Offices

Administrator Graham reported to council that the offices listed would be moving to the respective locations. (See list - Attachment #4)

Request from the County Chaplain to Attend the Community Chaplaincy Training

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the \$400 requested by Pastor Byrd to attend the chaplaincy training. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Department Request to Purchase Vehicles

Administrator Graham presented a request to purchase the two (2) remaining vehicles for the sheriff's department as requested by the Sheriff. She stated that they were being purchased through state purchasing and did not require the three bids. **Moved by** Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to purchase the remaining two (2) vehicles that were budgeted in the sheriff's budget. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss contractual matter(s) and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. Session began 6:40 p. m. and ended 7:45 p. m. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried. **After** coming out of executive session, the following was reported:

Chairman Gray stated that council discussed two issues, a personnel matter and contractual matters. He stated that council reviewed proposed documents and the Administrator is to get information.

Realignment of the Clerk to Council

Chairman Gray stated that council felt that the realignment of the Clerk to Council back under the Council rather than the Administrator would be more efficient. He stated that the point of contact would be the chairman of council. Council Member Parker stated that she wanted to make sure it was clear that it would be day to day supervision. Chairman Gray stated that the chair would be the point of contact. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to realign the Clerk to Council's position and that the Clerk to Council would work 100% for council and that the chairman of council would be the point of contact. Council Member Parker wanted to know who would be the point of contact if the Chair was not in town. Council stated that if chairman is not available, the vice chairman, if both unavailable, the senior council member, etc. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p. m.